

Sub C 1. (Amended) A blending station apparatus, comprising:

a blending container;

a blending location sized to receive the blending container;

a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;

a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;

a pump operatively coupled to the foodstuffs supply line to introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container.

3. (Amended) A blending station apparatus, comprising:

a blending container;

a blending location sized to receive the blending container;

a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;

12 a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;

an ice supply to selectively and automatically introduce ice into the blending container upon request;

a water supply to selectively and automatically introduce water into the blending container upon request.

6/13/03 7. (Amended) A blending station apparatus, comprising:

a blending container;

a blending location sized to receive the blending container;

13 a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;

a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;

a refrigeration system to maintain the foodstuffs supply line refrigerated.

8. (Amended) A blending station apparatus, comprising:

a blending container;

a blending location sized to receive the blending container;

a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;

a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;

a cleaning location sized to receive the blending container;

a cleaning liquid supply line provided at the cleaning location to automatically clean the blending container when placed within the cleaning location.

11. (Amended) A blending station apparatus, comprising:

a blending container;

a blending location sized to receive the blending container;

a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;

a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;

a peristaltic pump operatively coupled to the foodstuffs supply line to directly and automatically introduce one or more of the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request.

Please cancel claims 30-33, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claim:

41. A blending station apparatus, comprising:
- a blending container;
  - a blending location sized to receive the blending container;
  - a refrigerated foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the refrigerated foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;
  - a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container.

#### **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 7, 8, and 11 have been amended. New claim 41 has been added. Claims 30-33 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-29 and 34-41 remain pending in the application.